

Owen Motoring Club REVS.. March 2026



AGBO Rally
22 March,



OMC Members Clive King & Anton Bird secure 2025 HRCR “Mini Cup” Championship



Above. Nick Pollitt seen here competing in his latest Cooper S on the OMC Crimson Dynamo Auto Solo in Feb.

Club Contact Information.

HQ at: Aldridge Conservative & Unionist Club, 62 Portland Rd, Walsall WS9 8NS
OS map Ref, 139/ 057 006, GPS 52.6030° N / 1.9169° W

Club Meet Every Wednesday @ 8.00pm.

Committee Meet First Wednesday of Month @ 8.00pm

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STAGES RALLY



Weston Park, 22 March 2026



Marshals and radio`s required for the event on 22 March, all enquiries to Dean Forrest.... scouts8th@hotmail.co.uk
The rally has received 138 entries for the 80 places available. Seeding is now complete and gives us a very competitive top ten which includes **SIX** previous AGBO winners.

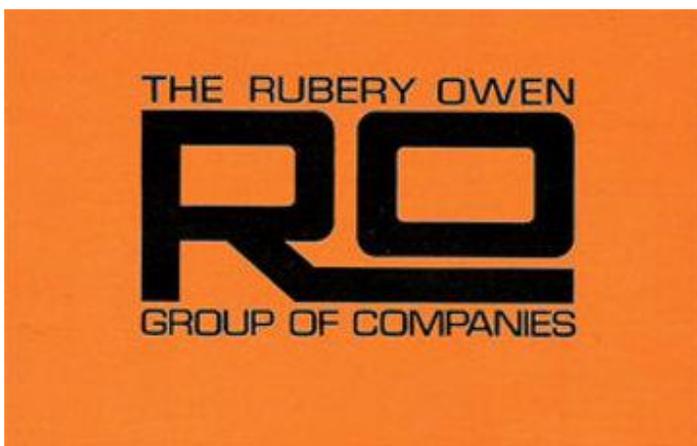
AGBO STAGES RALLY
OWEN MOTORING CLUB

“Proud of our Heritage”

A slightly different look to REVS for the future, as Microsoft have stopped supporting Publisher in which REVS was produced. Its production has now switched to Microsoft PowerPoint. Big learning curve again!!*ED*

OMC have been granted permission to utilise the RO (Rubery Owen Group) Logo. The club has a deep history linked to them being formed as OOMC (Owen Organisation Motoring Club) in 1959 by a group of its employees. I am sure many of our West Midlands club members have family that worked for the company at some time during its long-established engineering history. I certainly have as my Grandfather worked for them in Darlaston for his entire working career...*ED*. OMC thank Nick Owen (son of David Owen OBE our club President) for getting the club permission to use the RO logo as below.

A new club sticker is being produced for this occasion and should be available soon. It is planned to send out this new sticker with all 2026 membership applications. For the future OMC will frequently go back to our close ties with Rubery Owen and of course BRM.



OMC Orange Army Outings



December. Le Jog, Special Test at Marchington. A very damp and Grey day at the old USAF barracks



Above. Mud Larking at The Clee Hill Trial and right Paddy feeds the troops, apprentice Luigi skived this one..!!



Left. Start Team, Crimson Dynamo, Feb. OMC Auto Solo, Paul Langford & granddaughter Charlotte Homer on timing duties.



More Marshals Info.

AGBO Rally. Marshals sign on now pre-event go to: Dean Forrest. scouts8th@hotmail.co.uk

AGBO Stages Rally spectator early bird tickets now sold out. Go to Weston Park Link below for standard admission tickets.

<https://www.seetickets.com/event/agbo-rally-2026/weston-park/3532924>

The Ernest Owen Production Car Trial

Owen Motoring Club Ltd will organise a Clubman's permit Car Trial on Sunday 3rd May 2026 at the Apley Estate, near Norton, Shropshire, TF11 9DX (enter the Estate at map ref. 127/728004;

WTW ///regal.escalates.deprive)

At Least 16 Marshals are required for this event, Marshals contact, Dean Forrest.

scouts8th@hotmail.co.uk

Regs for the event can be found at the following link.

<https://owenmotoringclub.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/EO26-Regs-v1-Final.pdf>

OMC Crimson Dynamo Auto Test, Curborough Feb 2026 Pictures & Results.



Andy Lewin

FTD went to Andy Lewin,
Loughborough CC
Toyota MR2 on 702.6

2nd & 1st In Class
Ashley Pearce,
Cannock & District
CC, Micra on 706.8



Ashley Pearce

3rd & 1st in Class
Tom Bishop,
Cannock & District
CC, Micra on 709.8

Top 3 all within 7
seconds, a great
battle all day.



Tom Bishop

A 27-car entry, no
rain and more than
enough Orange
army, a super event
organised and run
by OMC member
Melvyn Cox.

Pictures by AB



Above - Just had to put this in!



Left.

Thanks go to club member John Littlely for taking this picture at New Hall Hotel, Sutton Coldfield, which was the Owen family home for many years.

Rally's & a bit of Marshaling!.... Glyn Thomas

Our first rally of a busy November was the Salford Van Hire Neil Howard Stages at Oulton Park we were car 69, Owain is in the driver's seat, and I was in the silly seat! Unfortunately we had to retire from the rally we were going well up until Stage 4, we came out of the gravel section on to the circuit, accelerating from 1st to 2nd and Owain couldn't get it into gear, we rolled to a stop, lots of bad noises from the Clutch & Gearbox area, so we took out the gearbox out when we got home, to find the clutch plate has exploded into loads of bits, and the gearbox will needed a repair! With 2 weeks until the Cadwell Stages I dropped off the gearbox for repair and ordered a new clutch, next weekend we replaced the clutch and re-fitted the rebuilt gearbox, a quick test drive and wash and we were all ready to go for Cadwell.

This was our first visit to the Cadwell Stages Rally, we finished 3rd in Class and 47th Overall, Stage 1 we had a small problem with the battery going flat we managed to get back to service and a quick emergency repair on the broken alternator connector, and the only other problem we were about to start the first night stage and by my map light broke off, so I quickly cable-tied it to the roll cage in the stage start queue.

Only a few repair jobs to do this time, we had to repair the wiring loom to the alternator and a check over and clean before the next rally Tegiwa Donington Rally in 2 weeks!, but before that we were going to do some marshaling on Roger Albert Clark Rally on the Friday in Wales in Dyfnant stage, but it turned into a Busy day, with snow & ice and the road to the stage was just sheet ice & with a massive delay, because of an ambulance stuck on the hill, luckily we turned round and found a different route to the start! *Continued....*

Initially we were allocated Post 8 spectator area, we got there and we were moved back to post 6 lots of off-roading to get back to Post 6 without going WD, started to get set up then on the radio we heard due to the weather and the bad roads to the start, that the Start Line was being relocated to Post 6!

Due to marshals unable to get into the stage we were asked to do the In-Control for the stage start!

Luckily The 2nd run through Dyfnant was cancelled as it was running so late! As it was getting a bit cold!

A week later we were then on our way to Donington, but this time I was in the driving seat and Owain was on the maps, Well we finished the Donington Rally, but I was very rusty in the driving seat, last time I drove was in May on Epynt, I made a tyre choice mistake on the first stage and had an awful stage just trying to stay on the track and not crash there was just no grip on the wrong tyres! We put the wets on for the next few stages big improvement, Owain was faultless on the maps, we finished 77th overall and 6th in Class.

This was the last rally for us in 2025, we go again next year!



Above. Cadwell Park

Below. Oulton Park



Annual Awards Winners List 2025

Rivers Fletcher Cup – <i>First Road Rally Driver Championship</i>	Dean Forrest
Peter Spear Cup – <i>First Road Rally Navigator Championship</i>	Melvyn Cox
Peter Walker Trophy - <i>First Stage Driver Championship</i>	Clive King
First Stage Rally Co - Driver Championship <i>(no name replaced the Thomas Taylor)</i>	Anton Bird
A.J Matthews Trophy – <i>Sprint Championship</i>	Paul Glendenning
LMP Bibendum - <i>Race Championship</i>	X
Charles Clarke Trophy - <i>Auto Test Championship</i>	Nick Pollitt
John Owen Cup – <i>First in PCT Championship</i>	Nick Pollitt
Tony Matthews Cars Cup – <i>Marshal Championship</i>	Paul Langford
Jenkinson Jug – <i>First OMC Ernest Owen Trial</i>	Nick Pollitt
MAC Trophy* - <i>New Comer award</i>	Glyn Thomas
Presidents Cup - <i>Driver of the year</i>	Nick Pollitt
Chris Shorrocks Trophy – <i>First Off road driver</i>	Nick Pollitt
HJ Donaldson Trophy * - <i>Marshal of the year C/M Award</i>	Paul Langford
Richard Southam Cup* - <i>for Endeavour</i>	Barri Wilmot
Bill Donaldson Trophy* - <i>Meritorious award, Motor Sport</i>	Dan Lister
David Owen Cup* - <i>Best OMC event of the year</i>	AGBO Rally
RICS Trophy* - <i>Club Group award</i>	Dean Forrest
Intasprint Cup - <i>Young Achiever of the year [Under 18]</i>	Charlotte Homer
Clubmans Cup - <i>Multy Dicipline M/Sport</i>	Owain Thomas
Captains Cup* - <i>Member/s of the Year</i>	M.Tonks / M.Pope
Crymson Dynamo Auto Test - <i>FTD</i>	?
Dennis the Menace* - <i>Club Nutter of the year</i>	Dean Forrest
Happy Landings PCA - <i>FTD Grass A/Test</i>	Not Run
Graham Hill Cup - <i>First OMC G/H Sprint Awarded at Sprint</i>	X

OMC Committee to Award

OMC 2025 Awards Presentation Night.

A great turn out for the 2025 awards presentation held once again at the club HQ in Aldridge during February. Our compare this year for the first time was Nick Owen, son of David Owen OBE. We thank Nick for taking on the task which he presented perfectly. Thanks also go to our hosts, Aldridge Conservative & Unionist Club for arranging a great buffet. A few of the 2025 award winners shown below, too many pics to show all.



Above left. The OMC Championships and Annual awards trophy collection is impressive.

Right. Two firsts Literally! The first time that the “Captains Cup” has been awarded jointly, going to members Mick Tonks & Mark Pope and first-time on awards compare duties for Nick Owen.



I hereby apply for membership of Owen Motoring Club Ltd. I acknowledge and agree to uphold the club rules and also agree to be bound by them.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN BLOCK CAPITALS.

Title First Name

Surname

Name of Associate Member (if required)

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email Address

Family (1 full + 3 associate) £21

Owen MC Full Membership £18

Associate Membership: £1

Junior Membership: £5

(18 or under to complete on club or MSUK events)

Total £

(Make cheques payable to Owen Motoring Club Ltd.)

Motorsport interest:

I agree to OMC using my data as set out in the privacy notice Yes No

Send to: Mrs Hilary Bird, 15 Norman Edwards Close, Nether Whitacre, Coleshill, Warks. B46 2DO.



MEMBERSHIP

Membership is good value at £18 per year. A membership application can be made via the OMC web site www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk click "Join OMC" Other family members living at the same address may become associate members for an additional £1 per year each, but if they wish to compete at club level they will have to join as a Full or Junior Member. Junior membership is just £5 per year up to 18 years old.

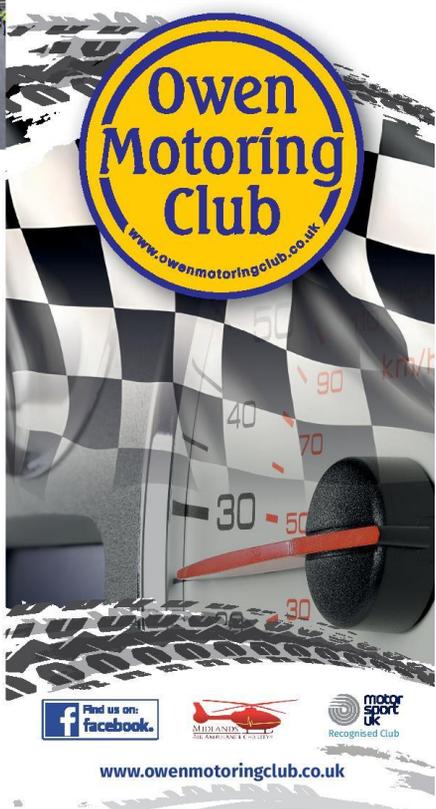


OMC are an MSUK affiliated motoring clubs and are also members of the AWMAC & ANWCC association of car clubs.



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PROUD OF OUR HERITAGE
CLUB FORMED IN 1959



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New Club Trifold leaflet, updated and now reprinted. If you have stock of the old version, please now dispose of them. Very nearly the finished article just a couple of changes to be made.



Owen Motoring Club are based in Aldridge near Walsall, West Midlands. A club with a 65 year history in club motorsport.

OMC organised motor sport events including, Auto Solos, A Sprint held at Curborough Sprint Course in June, the Big One being "The AGBO Stages Rally" held in Weston Park in March, a Grass Auto Test which runs on a local members farm land, one of the only clubs still running a PCT (Production Car Trial) held in April or May on the Apley Estate near Telford. Many of these events are included in National and club championships.



Additionally OMC have a very active, ever expanding Classic Car section which attends many shows throughout the year including the prestigious NEC Classic Motor Show in November, a show which we have exhibited at since 2000. An impressive collection of classics exists within the OMC membership. The clubs classic team organise our very successful "Tony Matthews Classic Car Tour", always a very well supported classic run named after a past long serving chairman of the club. The run has been previously been part of the HRCR classic run series.

Marshalling duties with Owen MC can be very rewarding, a great way of getting closer to the action. All types of club motorsport are covered by the clubs "Orange Army". Our AGBO Rally has a specialist team which has evolved over a number of years, come and join in, you will be made very welcome and if training is required we have the trained personnel to help you.

Rally week end always requires many pairs of hands over the set up and rally days. A new bonus for club marshalling introduced in recent years, is our very own Chef Marshal, Breakfasts are a speciality and very popular with all. Cash raised by this facility goes towards the OMC "Midlands Air Ambulance" fund, club donations to this very worthy cause have topped £9000 in seven years.



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PROUD OF OUR HERITAGE

The club meet at 8.30 every Wednesday evening at Aldridge Conservative & Unionist Club in Aldridge, near Walsall. Prospective new members are very welcome to join for marshalling duties, to compete, Classic Car participation, or any of our numerous social events throughout the year. The club have a magnificent collection of event, annual and Championship trophies, every one hotly contested. Awards night in February each year is now held at Club HQ.



"The Owen Organisation Motoring Club" was formed in 1959 by a group of Rubery Owen Co. Ltd. employees their aim being to collect money for the then struggling F1 team BRM (British Racing Motors). The Rubery Owen Company (a 68 companies group) proprietor being Sir Alfred Owen, was made aware of his employee's efforts and quickly stepped in and bought out BRM in its entirety.

This gesture saved the ailing team as finance for development was now available allowing the team to make a rapid resurgence in the world of F1. This led to them winning the drivers' championship title with Graham Hill and the F1 constructor's title in 1962. Another F1 legend was enlisted in 1965, Jackie Stewart being given the opportunity to enter the F1 scene with BRM. He duly won his first race in the same year, the rest is history. He became a three times F1 world champion. Sir Jackie attended as our guest of honour at the OMC 60th anniversary year annual awards dinner in 2019, a memorable night for many club members.

The above, we hope explains the very close affiliation between Rubery Owen Co. Ltd and Owen Motoring Club. OMC changed its title name in the late 60's to Owen Motoring Club when it became a Ltd Company. David Owen OBE, son of Sir Alfred remains as our President today. OMC is a MSUK affiliated car club with an enormous history in club motor sport, the AGBO Road Rally probably being the most well-known event. This developed into a Stage Rally in 1997.

The AGBO Road Rally, ten times included in the "Motoring News Road Rally Championship" (up to 200 miles in one night all against the clock), a fearsome event in the Motoring News series of the 60's 70's and early 80's. Much has been written about it.

Owen Motoring Club, a club which is very proud of its heritage. "Covendo tutus", Safe through Caution.



Kidderminster Motor Car Club

presents

The Dave Lucas Memorial Tour

**Sunday
29 March 2026**

For information or regs, email
kiddicarclub@blueyonder.co.uk
or visit website
www.kidderminstercarclub.co.uk
or contact:
Mac on 01562 752950



Don't miss this great event :

- ◆ Leisurely drive along a scenic route through beautiful areas of Warwickshire, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire
- ◆ Open to all; no club membership or competition licence required
- ◆ Information about the route, area and local history
- ◆ Quality easy to follow roadbook
- ◆ Tour plate and window sticker
- ◆ Light breakfast at the Start
- ◆ Picnic Lunch
- ◆ Steam Train ride
- ◆ Cream Tea at the Finish



**Above. A number of OMC
members doing this one.**

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**Left. New
Club sticker
now
available**

OMC Club Regalia....2026

Polo Shirt Navy Blue

Lamb's Wool Jumper "V neck"

Lamb's Wool Jumper "Round neck" ..

Sweat Shirt

Fleece (Soft) Zip Front

"T" Shirt

Soft-Shell Jacket, Zip front

Baseball Cap, 3 types AGBO, OMC, BRM

Wooley Hat

Snood (Neck Scarf)

Marshals Coats Day-Glo Orange, **Short** with club logo on rear.

Marshals Coats Day-Glo Orange, **Long** with Club logo on rear.

60th Anniversary Pin Badge...FOC ask.

All items are to order prices through Clare Jennings ...

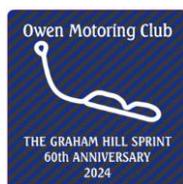
Email clarejennings22@outlook.com

NEW SUPPLIER NO DELIVERY/POSTAL CHARGES. Delivery 2/3 weeks from order.

All garments are Navy Blue, available S.M.L.XL.XXL and include the **standard** club logo embroidered in Yellow. Other OMC Logo`s at extra cost.

Standard Club Logo (in required colour) embroidered to own garments...£8.00

OMC car Stickers various, please ask.



Owen Motoring Club Rally History



Start 1968 AGBO Rally



Researched & Compiled by Anton Bird

Six years research to dig out the history of many of the rallies organised by OMC. Events covered from 1960 through to our years at Weston Park. The main focus being on the club's road rallies including all 10 Motoring News Championship offerings. 75 pages of history plus many pictures in B&W and Colour, some believed never published before.

Copies of the book available through the author @ £12.00 per copy,
Postage Rates: Second Class only...£3.00

Enquiries to, antonbird@talktalk.net

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